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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A \$250 CAP ON CAMPAIGN  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND ON ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE  
REFUNDING OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, members of the public have expressed concern over  
2 large contributions being made to political campaigns in Hawaii  
3 by individuals and organizations; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the basic pillar of democracy is that all  
6 individuals should be treated equally; and  
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8 WHEREAS, there is, at least an appearance of unfairness  
9 where an individual or organization is able to contribute a  
10 larger sum of money to a political campaign than another  
11 individual or organization; and  
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13 WHEREAS, members of the public have recommended that a \$250  
14 cap on donations per contributor per election would create a  
15 level playing field for state government elections; and  
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17 WHEREAS, members of the public have further expressed  
18 dissatisfaction over the situation where they make a political  
19 contribution based on assurances made by a candidate, and that  
20 candidate ultimately takes an opposing position; and  
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22 WHEREAS, members of the public have expressed the desire  
23 for a process of refunding campaign contributions; now,  
24 therefore,  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, the Campaign Spending  
29 Commission is requested to study other jurisdictions with regard  
30 to placing a cap of \$250 on campaign contributions per  
31 contributor per election; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Campaign Spending  
2 Commission is requested to study other jurisdictions with regard  
3 to a process for refunding campaign contributions; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Campaign Spending  
6 Commission is requested to report its findings and  
7 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
8 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
9 the regular session of 2016; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Campaign Spending  
13 Commission and Comptroller.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

*Michael*  
*By Request*

